GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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IAF PILOTS IN CIVIL AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airlines are facing shortage of trained pilots;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has been asked to lend its pilots to the airlines;

(c) if so, under which the terms and conditions the Indian Air Force`s Pilots proposed to be used for civil airlines;

(d) whether IAF Pilots have been permitted to join private airlines too;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir. Civil aviation industry in the country is facing shortage of type rated pilots.

(b) :- Yes, Sir. So far 12 Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots have been inducted in Air India.

(c):- IAF has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Air India on 05.04.2007. As per the MoU, Senior IAF pilots, who have fulfilled their commitments to service and would be due for superannuation in the near future, would be sponsored for permanent absorption into Air India/ Air India Express.

(d):- No, Sir.

(e) and (f):- Do not arise.